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On: DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION
UP 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . December egg production in Texas totaled 432 million eggs, up 3 percent from December 2004, and up 6 percent from November 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during December averaged 18.6 million, up 2 percent from last year and up 2 percent from November 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,317 eggs, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent higher than last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.7 million, up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.79 billion eggs during December 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.70 billion table eggs, 1.03 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 64 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 348 million during December 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,237 eggs, up slightly from December 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.2 million, down 3 percent from December 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 808 million, was up 2 percent from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.11 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2005, up 5 percent from December 2004.